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## **Mark Leonard convicted for murder for hire plot**

(Indianapolis, Ind.) Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry announced that a jury returned a guilty verdict against Mark Leonard for the March 2013 murder for hire plan targeting a key witness in the Richmond Hill explosion case. Leonard was found guilty of Conspiracy to Commit Murder (Class A Felony) on Tuesday evening.

While being held on murder charges for the 2012 Richmond Hill explosion, Leonard attempted to arrange the murder of a personal associate and witness in the case. The murder for hire agreement was made in writing by Leonard, with a signed document confirming the payment of \$15,000 to be paid upon his release from jail and a map to the target's home. Acting as the contact for hire, an undercover agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives confirmed the details of Leonard's request through recorded phone calls from the Marion County Jail.

"With this guilty verdict, we have reached a final step in obtaining justice against Leonard and the other conspirators for this senseless crime," Prosecutor Curry said.

Mark Leonard was convicted in 2015 and is currently serving two Life Without Parole sentences for his role in the Richmond Hill explosion.

Leonard is scheduled to be sentenced February 8, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in Criminal Court 3 for the new conviction.